Supply of computers in KVS

†2816. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 1566 and 3100, given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th and 23rd March, 2001, respectively and state:

(a) the names of agencies which had been given contract by KVS for supply of computers, alongwith Adsii;

(b) the details of computers ordered and the contract rate on which order has been given for their supply;

(c) whether it is a fact that computers are available on very cheap rate in the market in comparison to the rate at which these have been purchased; and

(d) if so, the details and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has entered into a rate contract with M/s. Ed. CIL only for supply of hardware and software.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalayas were authorised to place orders directly with M/s .Ed. CIL specifying the brand out of M/s. HCL, WIPRO and ZENITH. The total number of schools that placed the orders with M/s. Ed. CIL as on March, 2001 is 679.

(c) and (d) Kendriya Vidyalayas were also permitted to acquire computers locally following the purchase procedure, if they found the prices to be lower. Some schools have purchased computers at lesser rates also.

Funds for science education and research

2817. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing adequate funds for science education and research activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the amount provided for the purpose during each of the last three years; and

(c) the amount utilised on science education and research activities, separately during the said period, year-wise?

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